Garden Talk

By
Appomattox Garden Club

It is time to talk of peonies. These outstanding beautiful garden flowers are all derived from perennial herbs of the genus Paeonia, of the buttercup family. They are erect herbs from tuberous, or thickened roots, with large leaves which stay green all summer. The flowers are large and showy, and variously colored. It is thought to be named for Paian, a Greek god of healing.

For those who have peonies in their gardens, and do not want to divide or plant any new varieties, this is a time of no concern to them. For a peony plant that has been planted in rich, well pulverized soil with ample humus to take in water readily may be left for 25 years without resetting. If, however, the plant is to be divided, or, if a new variety is to be planted, the following steps are helpful:

(1) Dig the whole plant if it is an old one to be divided. Leave tops on for easy handling, as the roots are brittle and are easily snapped in pieces when just dug. Roots can be cut back to 6 or 8 inches.

2. Place the whole mass on an upturned bucket, or some such rest, and wash thoroughly with garden hose to remove all soil. Only then can the crown buds (or eyes) be seen.

(3. Clip the tops off, leaving 4 to 6 inch stubs to protect next season's buds. With a sharp, stout knife cut the plant into divisions having from 3 to 5 "eyes" apiece. Cut off broken ends to facilitate healing and the formation of new feeding roots close to the crown buds. Roots need not be symmetrical.

(4) Select a place in full or almost full sun, and with good drainage. Prepare the soil in advance, so the soil will be well settled - if not, the buds will settle too low and the plant be lost. Have an area 2 feet deep by 2 feet square, for each plant. It is wise to remove the soil, mix it with about a third well rotted cow manure or peat moss, or old, old sawdust to which a cup of 5-10-10 fertilizer has been added. In any event, mix well and put back into the 2x2x2 hole, and let settle for several weeks. After it has settled, plant a division of peony, holding it while pouring water and jostle gently as water sucks the fine soil in about the roots. Keep the crown buds high—never cover the "eyes" with more than 2 or 3 inches of fine soil. An easy way to be sure is to place root in center of hole, lay a tool handle across top of hole, and adjust root so that buds are the width of a man's two fingers below the handle. Firm soil around root, and fill hole twice with water to bring the soil in close contact with all the roots. Finish off with dry soil after water soaks in. Mound slightly for further settling. Allow about 3½ feet between plants. And never replant in a hole from which an old peony plant has been dug.

Fall planting is best, for frost sometimes ruins a new plant if set out in spring. Now is the time to prepare the bed, and any time from last of July until November will be good for planting or replanting.

When peonies begin to bud, next spring, spray with Bordeaux mixture for thrip. Spray every 10 days thereafter until they bloom.

If huge blossoms are desired, disbud all except large bud on top of stem.

Keep soil worked and mulched. The peony makes a fine show in the perennial border while in bloom, and lends contrast with its foliage among the gladiolas, snapdragons, petunias, etc. When the frost has taken the foliage, cut off to the ground and burn it to prevent preservation of pests.

There are three types of peonies on the market. Chinese, Japanese, and European. There are singles that look like huge daisies and doubles that look like huge rosettes. There are waxy, snow white ones, and tints and shades of pink through rich red. There are beautiful and intriguing names:La Rosiere, Primevere, Avalanche, Eugenie Verdier, Auguste Dessert, Mischief, etc. If you have become an enthusiastic peony fancier, the best of luck to you.

SHENANDOAH PARK HAS TWENTY YEAR RECORD

Shenandoah National Park, the popular playground high in Virginia's scenic Blue Ridge Mountains, was the state's gift to Americans everywhere.

Just 20 years ago this summer, the park was dedicated in a ceremony that represented for many Virginians the climax of a dream they had nurtured for a decade or more.

These Virginians - Shenandoah Valley residents especially - had dreamed and fought for a park in the historic Blue Ridge where the natural beauty of their mountains would be preserved for future generations. For years the ida looked impossible.

Various groups and individuals in the 1920's had undertaken the gigantic job of selling the idea of a national park in the Blue Ridge, of raising more than $2,000,000 needed to buy land, and of fighting for their plan all the way to the nation's highest court.

When the struggle was over, William E. Carson, one of the leaders in the park's acquisition, described the work done by his Commission on Conservation and Development during the late twenties and early thirties as "the most impossible proposition that ever was landed on the shoulders of a Virginia commission."

"After we had gotten over our amazement as the job we had undertaken," he recalled at the Park's dedication July 3, 1936, "we took our problems to Richmond to the Governor, and frankly told him we had stepped into the biggest mess that any hard-headed lot of men ever allowed to be wished upon them, and that the best thing he should do with the Conservation and Development Commission was to have them all committed to one of the state lunatic asylums."

Despite the obstacles, the plan succeeded and the Federal Government, in December 1935, accepted the park.

"The Shenandoah National Park has been accepted as a Christmas gift from Virginia to the United States," a Richmond newspaper reported two decades ago.

"Secretary of Interior Harold B. Ickes has approved the Old Dominion's deed of 179,429.8 acres of the loveliest mountain land in the East. It will become of the great public playgrounds of America," the news report continued.

Since that time, some 20,000,000 tourists have visited the park that now covers 310 square miles between Front Royal and Jarman's Gap, near Waynesboro.

Skyline Drive, the famed "high-way in the sky," puts the park's scenic vistas, sparkling waterfalls, and wild folwers within easy reach of pleasure-minded Virginia motorists.

Modern tourist facilities are maintained in the park for the convenience of travelers and vacationists. There are two major centers of vacation fun — Big Meadows Lodge and Skyland, both with hotel - cottage rooms — plus dining rooms, gift shops, and automobile service stations at convenient points along the Drive. All are operated by the Virginia Sky-Line Company in Luray, under the supervision of the National Park Service.

Stonewall

Stonewall, July 2.- Let's all hope for a nice Fourth of July and no accidents. Hope everyone will be careful, wherever they go.

Mrs. Jimmie Stratton and baby girl, Virginia Kay, have returned home from the Virginia Baptist Hospital. Both doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings and family, of Kingston, N. C., are spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick had as their guests on Sunday, Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drinkard, Mr. Glenn Drinkard and Mrs. H. A. Drinkard, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler, Mrs. Bettie Wheeler and Brad, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and children; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and children, and Mrs. Harold Jones all went to Holliday Lake last Friday for a picnic supper, in honor of Mrs. Jones' birthday. They had as their guest Miss Kathy Caldwell and Miss Bonnie Gilbert. We wish for Mrs. Jones many more happy birthdays to come.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beard and family, of Richfond visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard, and other home folks over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Stratton have moved into their lovely new home. We wish for them a long and happy life with their little daughter, Doby and their new home.

Miss Winnie Lee won 2nd place in the canning contest at Blacksburg last week. Congratulations to this fine young lady and we hope she will win 1st place next time. She is one of the fine young ladies of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Lee and family spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler. Bobbie Lee remained for a week with her grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and two children, Mark and Bonnie Lynn, of Richmond, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mr. Robert Wheeler and two sons, Jerry and Steve and little Brad Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on last Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Seay, of Lynchburg visited in the Chick home on Tuesday night

There were around 50 ladies that attended a shower for Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Moore, at Stonewall Community Center Saturday night. They received loads of nice and useful gifts for their new home, which is nearly completed.

Footprints Betray Thieves

Fort Worth, Texas.- Railroad special agent L. R. Troxell had no trouble tracking down four men who broke into a box car and stole a number of straw hats. The floor of the box car was covered with white lime and Troxell just followed the white footprints to a nearby hobo jungle and arrested four men wearing new straw hats.

COLLEGE BOARD TESTS URGED FOR VIRGINIA

A Virginia version of the college board examinations was championed in Williamsburg last week before 300 high school principals.

Dr. Paul Farrier, director of admissions at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, said the growing influx of Applications to state colleges makes some sort of a selective process most desirable.

"A state college has an obligation to take as many applicants from within the state as it can," he declared. "But we can't take them all, so there should be some way of selecting the best qualified applicants."

The colleges, he said, are already beginning to feel the effects of the great wartime population boom. Admissions officials, concerned about the growing problem, will discuss the possibility of some sort of statewide screening exam when they gather in Charlottesville this month.

Dr. Farrier said he had in mind a type of aptitude examination which could be offered to all high school seniors who want to enter college. He described it as a junior college board examination.

The need for a standard college entrance test grows from the fact that, with 400 different high schools in the state, there is a wide range in marking systems and student preparation, he explained. An "A" student in one school may be no more than a "C" student in another.

Dr. Farrier said that no definite steps have yet been taken toward setting up a statewide college entrance examination, but that he personally favored organizing some type of machinery by which such an examination could be adopted.

Vice President Nixon represented President Eisenhower in Manila at the July 4 celebration of the tenth anniversary of the independence of the Philippines.

Vera

Vera, July 2.- July is going hot weather. The farmers are having good weather to save wheat crop, which is fine this year.

We are glad that Mr. and Mrs. E. Lewis have returned home from the hospitals, and hope that he may soon be feeling well.

The Rev. and Mrs. Osmo Smith spent last week at their home near Vera. He was holding a revival at Rustburg.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harris of Harriette visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Braxton Page Sunday night.

We are glad to see Mrs. Carnefix back at home from hospital and getting along fine.

The members of the Rising Baptist Church gave their pastor, Rev. Darden, a pound Saturday night.

Mr. Sonny Watson visited home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harris on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harris of Harriette visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley Sunday.

Mr. Willie Brown has returned home from the hospital. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

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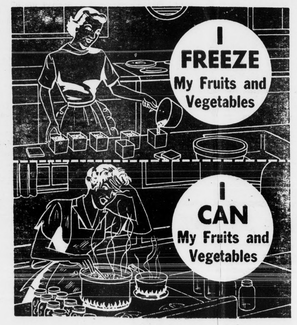

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